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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. For claim 3, line 2, the phrase "within said and " is missing its subject making it indefinite. For claim 5, "said back panel" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pullman (5,333,885). Pullman teaches a "portable nail salon" (Fig. 5) comprising: a body with a rear panel (13), left and right sides (11,12) with a tube handle (23,24) there between, a base (14), wheels (16) and upper and lower panels/shelves (18 and 38).

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marsh (747,741). Marsh teaches a "portable nail salon" (Fig. 1) comprising: a body with a rear panel (A2), left and right sides (A3), a base (A1), upper and lower panels (A4,A6) with hinges, a shelf (F), a handle (sides of C), and wheels (B).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pullman in view of Marsh. As stated above, Pullman teaches the limitations of claim 1, including a body with sides. For claim 2, Pullman fails to teach upper and lower panels hinged to the body. Marsh teaches panels (A4,A6) hinged to a body. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the body of Pullman by adding hinged panels on the front portion thereof, such as is taught by Marsh, to provide additional horizontal shelves/workspaces, when desired, as well as closure means for the interior of the body.

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marsh in view of Fernandez et al (5,405,587). As stated above, Marsh teaches the limitations of claims 1 and 2, including a shelf, left and right sides and upper and lower panels. For claim 3, Marsh fails to teach plural shelves between the sides. Fernandez teaches an inner shelf (30) inside a cart. It would have been obvious to add an inner shelf inside the salon of Marsh to provide additional storage space inside the salon. For claim 4, Marsh fails to teach indentations on the upper and lower panels. Fernandez teaches holders with indentations (84) attached to a surface. It would have been

obvious to add holders, such as is taught by Fernandez, onto the panels of Marsh, to provide a secure storage means/place for small items.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marsh in view of Fernandez et al and further in view of Muller et al (4,432,112). As stated above, Marsh in view of Fernandez teaches the limitations of claims 1-4, including a rear panel. For claim 5, Marsh in view of Fernandez fails to teach a light on the rear panel. Muller teaches a light (94) on the rear panel of a cabinet. It would have been obvious to add a light on the rear panel of the salon of Marsh in view of Fernandez, to provide a means inside the salon which would allow one to better view the contents therein.

Claims 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pullman in view of Marsh and further in view of Fernandez et al. As stated above, Pullman in view of Marsh teaches the limitations of claims 1-3, including a shelf, left and right sides and upper and lower panels. For claim 4, Pullman in view of Marsh fails to teach indentations on the upper and lower panels. Fernandez teaches holders with indentations (84) attached to a surface. It would have been obvious to add holders onto the panels of Marsh to provide a secure storage means/place for small items.

Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pullman in view of Marsh and Fernandez et al and further in view of Muller et al. As stated above, Pullman in view of Marsh and Fernandez teaches the limitations of claims 1-4, including a rear panel. For claim 5, Pullman in view of Marsh and Fernandez fails to teach a light on the rear panel. Muller teaches a light (94) on the rear panel of a

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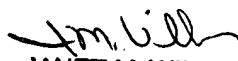
cabinet. It would have been obvious to add a light on the rear panel of the salon of Pullman in view of Marsh and Fernandez, to provide a means inside the salon which would allow one to better view the contents therein.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet M. Wilkens whose telephone number is (571) 272-6869. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571) 272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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